OFFICE OF THE MAYOR City of Eugene Oregon **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Blacks in Government (BIG) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, founded more than ten years ago and dedicated to the principles of equal and growing opportunities in government for all;

WHEREAS, Blacks in Government Region X comprises 12 chapters in the northwest states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington;

WHEREAS, on May 31 thru June 2, 2006 the Region X Blacks in Government will convene its 24th annual training conference in Portland, Oregon;

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's conference is "Providing Excellent Customer Service In a Changing Government Environment";

WHEREAS, Blacks in Government commitment is to assist conference attendees in acquiring mission critical skills to improve performance and promote career development;

WHEREAS, this three-day regional training conference will focus on information technology, professional development, career development, personal effectiveness, and participation in management, leadership and communication skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim May 31 thru June 2, 2006 as

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in Oregon State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions this organization has made for the future of our citizens.

Kitty Piercy, Mayor

Dated this 10th day of May 2006